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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
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EXAMINING GROUP 2142
Docket No.: 1734.1001CIPD

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Sumitake KOBAYASHI et al.

Serial No. 10/721,512

Group Art Unit: 2142

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Examiner: NGUYEN, HAI V.

For: MULTIFUNCTION MACHINE, SERVER, MULTIFUNCTION MACHINE/SERVER
SYSTEM AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 2, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on January 2, 2007. A Petition for a First Month Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee, is enclosed thereby extending the response due date to February 2, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of this reply and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested, because the amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features recited by the language of the claims, because the amendments and remarks apply the discussions of the relied upon references specifically to the language of the claims, and because in view of the remarks it is believed the claims are allowable over the relied upon references without further search.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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